Appl. No. 09/502,498

Amdt. dated 9 March 2004

Reply to Office Action 21 January 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Applicants submit herewith both (a) a substitute specification in clean form without

markings as to amended material (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(c)), and (b) a marked version

of the substitute specification showing the changes to the original specification of record

(37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b)(2)). The substitute specification is being submitted with new

claims as presented and amended in this Amendment.

No new matter is introduced by the amendments. Such amendments are made to clarify

the specification and were previously submitted in the Amendments of 11 February 2000,

13 May 2002 and 6 October 2003. Other amendments are those requested by the

Examiner in the Office Action of 21 January 2004.

Attachments: Marked-up substitute specification

Clean copy substitute specification

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